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WOLVERINE

PURE SACRIFICE
PART 1 OF 4
"A NIGHT TO REMEMBER"

WRITERS....DWIGHT ZIMMERMAN,
NEL YOMTOV
PENCILS.....PAUL RYAN
INKS.....REY GARCIA
LETTERS....UL HIGGINS
COLORS ....JOE ANDREANI

Wolverine's back in Madripoor and what starts as a quiet evening alone with Tiger Tiger, doesn't stay that way for long.

WAR MACHINE

THE DYING GAME
PART 1 OF 4
"TAKING IT TO THE STREET"

WRITERS ...LEN KAMINSKI, SCOTT BENSON
PENCILS ...JOHN CZOP
INKS .....TIM DZON
LETTERS ...UL HIGGINS
COLORS ....ARIANE

Jim Rhodes is finished with the West Coast Avengers, but Jim Rhodes has some unfinished business with the gang that wears colors by the name of War Machine!

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MARVEL READERS PRESENT

Dear MCP

I am tired of all the issues getting letter grades, so I devised a system of my own: one link of Ghost Rider's chain being the worst, and five links being the best. Let's try it on MCP #146.

Dr. Strange [Salome's Dream]: The best story of the book, but it was pretty confusing. Isherwood's artwork isn't the best, but it was the best out of this issue. 4links.

Nightstalkers [Ashes part 2]: Definitely the worst story in the book. Steven Grant's story wasn't bad, but I'm sorry to say I hated Lawrence Brown's art! It was hard to follow. 1 link.

Ghost Rider [Masks]: A typical MCP Ghost Rider story, not really that great, but it's not bad either. Chris Cooper's story was entertaining, but Reggie Jones and Fred Harper's art has gotten worse since MCP #137. 3 links.

Devil Slayer [Temptation]: I could get to like this guy! The last two stories have been great. Jon Babcock's story and Darren Auck's art were awesome! Give this guy his own book, for Blaze's sake! 4 links. [Oh my gosh it tied with Dr. Strange!]

Blaze cover: Awesome art by Lightle. Why was there a Blaze cover, but no Blaze story? 5 links

Dr. Strange cover: Pathetic. MacNeil's worst work. Doc looks like he's got a hangover. 1 link.

Other comments: Give more people like Werewolf, Devil Slayer and Typhoid Mary stories. Since Darkhold has been canceled, how about giving them the cover feature, and throw out Wolvie, or give him a back-up or something. Please consider this.

Chris Munn
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Chris, we hope you liked seeing Typhoid Mary in issues #150 and 151 recently, with the full run of all 32 pages too. Len Kaminski and James Fry have an open invitation to create more Werewolf stories for us, but these are two very busy guys. Regarding the Blaze cover, well, uh, um, it certainly was a five linker, wasn't it! Perhaps it's Nightmare that's vexed you and caused dimensional interference in your enjoyment of Colin's cover and Lawrence's work which we thought were splendid!

Dear Mr. Slott

Thank you for such a beautiful moving story. [Captain Universe MCP #14]. It brought tears to my eyes at the end. What a great idea for an ongoing super hero series. Alas, it probably wouldn't sell. Old super heroes don't make it any more, just look at the Justice Society.

You should have more strong older characters, such as Aunt May. I hope we see a return of Elijah Jackson as Captain Universe again, at least in this comic. I still believe it's a great concept. Thanks again for a wonderful story.

Carlos M. Fernandez Jr.
6221 So Lagoon Dr.
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Dan, take a bow.

MARVEL READERS PRESENT

Dear MCP

I just received a page of the work from the Typhoid Mary story scheduled to run in MCP #150. Here is how it happened. A couple of days ago my dad handed me my mail. After browsing through the latest selections from my science fiction book club, I moved on to a plain white envelope with only my name and address on it. As a loyal reader of MCP I was thrilled to discover what was inside. On a sheet of red paper was art from the upcoming story. In the upper left corner my name was printed in gold ink, in the middle of the page was Steve Lightle's signature in gold ink, and at the bottom were the words "THANKS FOR READING MCP", also in gold. Mr. Lightle's work on MCP has always been much more than satisfactory, [and I'm not just saying that to suck up]; His eye-catching covers are some of my favorites. I would like to thank Steve and Marianne Lightle [I found their names on the envelope upon closer inspection] and whoever was involved with this preview. It was greatly appreciated.

From the looks of the page I have seen I will not be disappointed with the next story. With a team like Lightle and Nocenti how could I be? With the characters scheduled to appear it should be quite interesting. I look forward to seeing Wolverine back in these pages. I hope he stays here for a while [although I did enjoy the Midnight Sons crossover, those puppies went like hotcakes and I, a *loyal reader* missed the first issue of it because I had to work the day they came out, that's life]. Speaking of characters I would love to see Terror in a story here, as well as Nightcrawler, Longshot and Tigershark. [I'd like to see him in action without Namor, and there is no chance of that in Namor's book.] I would like to see you expand on some of the characters already regularly featured in your magazine, such as American Eagle. How about an expanded story spanning several issues? This would give you some space to go a little crazy with the character. I don't even know what his origin is. While I'm on it how about an extra super humongously long Woodgod story? Woodgod is one of my favorite Marvel characters, and I'd love to see him done by Mr. Lightle.

Before I go, can you tell me some more about Steve Lightle. What has he done beside MCP? and what projects will he be working on in the future? Thanks for listening to the rantings of a lunatic, and until Woodgod marries Barbie, moves to the suburbs and has 2.5 children [which would actually be possible in the Marvel Universe] Make Mine MCP!

Sincerely,
Jeremy "begging for more Woodgod" Wells
618 Hicks Addition
South Shore, KY
41175

Jeremy, you were lucky to experience some of the magic that occasionally comes to those who write in to their favorite comics. You must know what we think of Steve Lightle's work judging from the amount of it we put on our covers [even to the point of putting Blaze on the cover of issue #146 when he wasn't inside]. Steve is currently working on stories featuring Steel Raven.

Woodgod?

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LETTERS .....UL HIGGINS
COLORS .....JOE ANDREANI

The heart of the city is a jungle, and survival of the fittest are the rules of the game. The hunted and the hunter trade places when Vengeance becomes a most dangerous prey.

MOON KNIGHT

HUNG JURY
PART 1 OF 3

WRITER ....CHUCK DIXON
ARTIST .....J.J. BIRCH
LETTERS ..JOHN COSTANZA
COLORS ...PAT GARRAHY

An obstruction of justice has Moon Knight facing the hate-filled violence of the Pretorians!

FROM RICHARD AND MICHAEL

What's happening in MCP? Well, its what's happening in our office, and what's happening in our office is the constant shift of ideas that become MARVEL COMICS PRESENTS. What this means to us is, presenting the best the Marvel Universe has to offer. What this means to you is, you'll read a wide-ranging variety of stories, featuring some of the most interesting characters in the universe.

Some of the ideas taking shape in our office are stories featuring the exciting members of FORCE WORKS and THE NEW WARRIORS, We have future plans for Tigra, Spider-Woman and Namorita. Some fantastic art has come in from James Fry and Mark Badger. And dynamite covers from folks like Colin MacNeil and Tom Grindberg. And just wait till you see what our Ghost Rider and Vengeance team have in the works. All we'll say for now is "hell hath no fury like a phantome scorned"!

We were saddened to hear of the passing of Jack Kirby on Sunday February sixth. Jack was someone that we had never met personally, but had met through the pages of his fantastic work on countless occasions. Stan Lee was the one who gave him the title of *King* Kirby and no one ever disputed it.

He will be missed.

KINDA NICE THIS TIME O' YEAR IN MADRIPOOR, 'SPECIALLY UP HERE IN HIGHTOWN...
... 'SPECIALLY WITH COMPANY LIKE THIS.
HER NAME IS TYGER TIGER, ONE OF THE ISLAND'S MOST POWERFUL CRIMELORDS. WE'VE GOT AN 'UNDERSTANDING' OF SORTS, YOU MIGHT SAY.
THIS COZY DINNER PARTY FOR TWO WAS HER IDEA--
--AND FOR ALL I'VE BEEN THROUGH LATELY, I JUMPED AT THE INVITATION.
A NIGHT TO REMEMBER

IN ALL THE TIME I'VE KNOWN HER, TYGER'S NEVER BEEN ONE TO STRUGGLE FOR WORDS.
WHAT GIVES, LOGAN? WE'RE ALONE TOGETHER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AGES--
--AND YOU'RE ACTING LIKE I'M NOT EVEN HERE. WHAT'S UP?
TONIGHT'S NO DIFFERENT. SHE GETS RIGHT TO THE POINT.
I'M NOT IN THE MOOD TO YAP ABOUT MY PROBLEMS.
WOULD YOU BELIEVE THINGS AT THE OFFICE AREN'T SO HOT?
LISTEN, FORGET IT. I JUST HAVEN'T BEEN FEELIN' MYSELF LATELY, OKAY?
PERHAPS I CAN TAKE CARE OF THAT. THERE'S JUST THE TWO--
WHAT TH--?
ARCHIE!
THUMP
MMPF!
PARDON MY REGRETTABLE INTRUSION, FRIENDS, BUT I THOUGHT IT FAR TOO LONG SINCE LAST WE WERE ALL TOGETHER.
A LOVELY EVENING FOR A REUNION, WOULD YOU NOT SAY?
YOU AND YOUR COVERBOYS PICKED THE WRONG PARTY TO BUST UP, SHEIK!
YOUR PREDICT-ABILITY AMUSES ME, LOGAN. GRAB THEM!

M-MR. RHYS! K-KEEP HIM AWAY!
OUT OF MY WAY, DUMAS! IT'S MY OWN BLOODY NECK THAT CONCERNS ME!
COME ON, BROTHER! THIS TIME WE BREAK THE FURRY ONE'S BACK!
YES, BROTHER, YES!
YOU MOVE TOO SLOWLY, BROTHER STUMP! KEEP HIM BUSY WHILE I QUICKLY FINISH HIM OFF!
DO YOUR WORST, BROTHER! KILL HIM NOW!
UNNGGH!
CRAASH
NOT MUCH FIGHT IN YOU, EH, HAIRY FACE? NOW WE WILL CRUSH YOU!
FATBOY DOESN'T KNOW JUST HOW RIGHT HE IS. I BETTER GET SERIOUS WITH THESE STIFFS...
WATCH, BROTHER, HOW EASILY I CAN SMASH THE LITTLE RODENT--
OOOF!
FWOK
GOTTA THANK YOU FOR ONE THING, SCARFACE--
--AND THAT'S THE CHANCE FOR KEEPING FAMILIES TOGETHER!
OOMF!!
BROTHER!

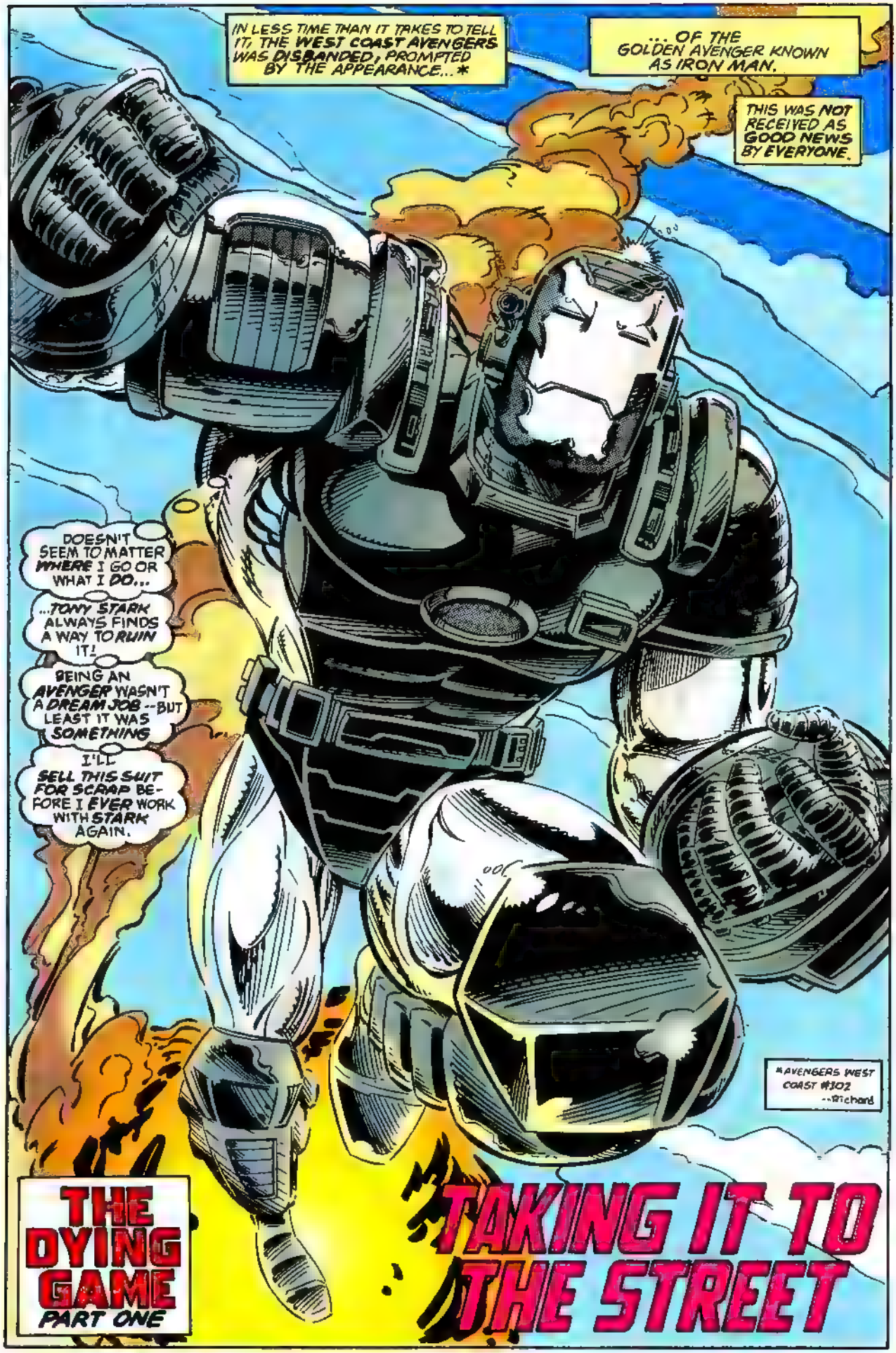
L-LOGAN IS OCCUPIED N-NOW, CHIEF. SH-SHALL WE TAKE THE GIRL?
CERTAINLY, MY FRIEND. SURELY SHE POSES NO DANGER TO THE THREE OF US...
YOU'RE A TIMID LITTLE MOUSE, DUMAS! STEP FORWARD AND DO THE HONORS, MATE! HA, HA!
P-PLEASE, M-MR. RHYS!
YOU SEND THIS PUNY ONE AGAINST ME?
GIVE ME THAT ROPE! I'LL DO THE HONORS!
OOONF!
I'M DISAPPOINTED THAT MY REPUTATION IN MADRIPOOR HASN'T SHOWN YOU I'M NOT ONE TO BE TOYED WITH.
BLAST!
I'D HAVE THOUGHT YOU WOULD'VE GIVEN UP THE IDEA OF KIDNAPPING ME--SINCE YOUR LAST ATTEMPT FAILED.
CHONK
ARRGH!
EASY ON 'EM, DARLIN'. REMEMBER IT'S ONLY FIVE AGAINST TWO!
JONK
OOHH!
I HAVE A STRANGE FEELIN' THESE CLOWNS WERE JUST THE TIP O' THE ICEBERG.
BUT THERE'S NO ONE ELSE--
YOUR COMPANION IS QUITE RIGHT, BEAUTY.
ALLOW ME THE COURTESY OF A BRIEF INTRODUCTION. I AM--

ABDUL ALHAZRED
WHAA--?!
HE CAME FROM NOWHERE! MATERIALIZED RIGHT BEHIND US!
YOUR FRIEND NEEDS NO COMMENTARY UPON MY POWERS. IS THAT NOT TRUE, MR. LOGAN?
DARN RIGHT I DON'T NEED A RUN-DOWN ON THIS LOWLIFE.
ABDUL ALHAZRED. ONE OF THE MOST BLOODTHIRSTY MURDERERS I'VE MET...
OBVIOUSLY IT IS A REFRESHER COURSE YOU SEEK.
COME, LITTLE ONE, YOUR EFFORTS WILL BE FUTILE.
WHAAP
KEEP MOUTHIN' OFF, YOU ARROGANT--
IT PAINS ME TO SEE HOW LITTLE HEED YOU PAY TO THE MEMORY OF OUR LAST MEETING.
SURELY YOU HAVE NOT FORGOTTEN, EFFENDI?
NOT BY A LONG SHOT.
JEEZ, TALK 'BOUT A CAST IRON GUT...

ENOUGH FOOLIN' AROUND. TIME TO TAKE IT UPSTAIRS.
AN' DON'T SAY I DIDN'T--
--WARN YOU.
FFAP
NICE CATCH, PAL. WHAT'S YER NEXT TRICK?
JEEZ, HIS GRIP IS TOO MUCH...
...PAIN... HE'S CRUSHING MY ARM...
...CAN'T TAKE THIS KIND OF HURT... GOTTA BREAK HIS HOLD... GET LOOSE...
A SHORT TIME AGO I COULDA SLICED UP ABDUL LIKE A THANKSGIVING BIRD. THAT WAS THEN...
...WHEN MY BONES WERE MADE OF ADAMANTIUM, THE STRONGEST STUFF THERE IS.
AAAAH!
WHEN THERE WAS NOBODY AROUND LIKE ME.
LIKE I SAID-- THAT WAS THEN...

JESSICA HOAN! LOOK AT ME! LOOK AT ME, TYGER TIGER!
HE'S FALLEN TO HIS DEATH, ANIMAL!
WHY HAVE YOU COME BACK? WHAT DO YOU WANT OF US?
BE CAREFUL, MY LORD. SHE IS WILD, THIS ONE.
DON'T COME ANY FURTHER, ABDUL, I'VE KILLED BEFORE, AND I'LL DO IT AGAIN.
I SWEAR.
LOOK AT ME, GIRL. LOOK AT ME.
BLIMY, ALHAZRED HAD GONE AND HYPNOTIZED HER.
THE MAGICKS AND POWERS OF LORD ALHAZRED ARE LEGENDARY, RHYS.
THERE IS NONE OTHER LIKE HIM.
I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN YOU WERE INCAPABLE OF TAKING THE TIGER BY YOURSELVES. LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY, YOU BUMBLERS...
M-MAY I SECURE OUR-- YOUR--PRISONER NOW?
P-PLEASE DO NOT CONCERN YOURSELF-- SHE SHALL NOT ESCAPE FROM HER BONDS.
QUITE CONFIDENT OF YOU, DUMAS, ESPECIALLY SINCE SHE IS IMMOBILIZED UNDER MY TRANCE.
TAKE THE CAPTIVES AND BRING THEM TO OUR PLACE OF RENDEZVOUS, AND AVOID BEING FOLLOWED.
TRUST US, MY LORD. WE SHALL NOT FAIL.
PRAY YOU DO NOT. NOW GO!

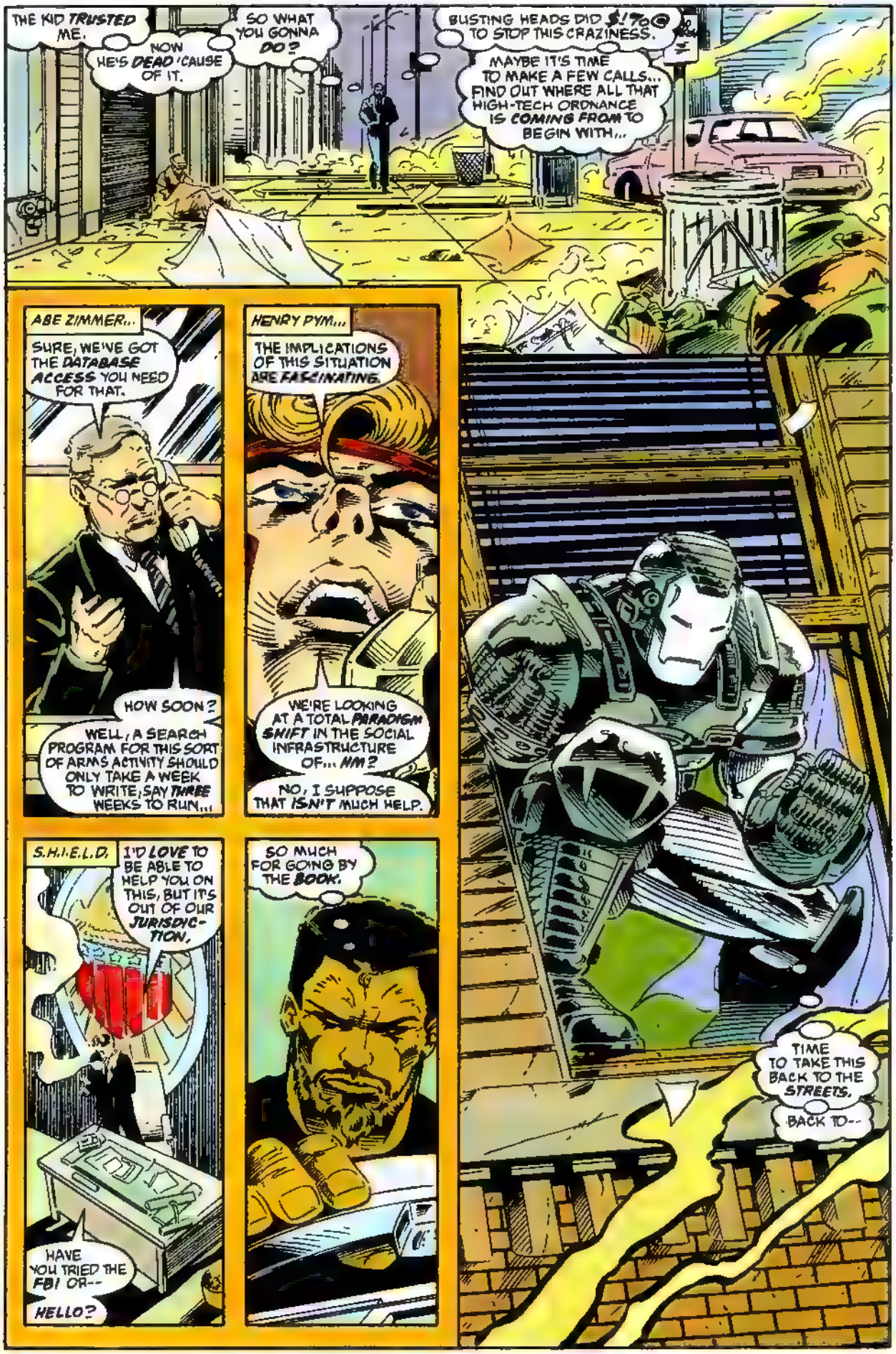
I WELL REMEMBER MR. LOGAN AND THE NIGHT HE CAME TO LEARN OF THE POWER OF ABDUL ALHAZRED.
I TRUST WE WILL ONE DAY MEET AGAIN AND RELIVE THE EVENTS OF THAT EVENING.
YES, THAT WOULD SUFFICE.
BAGGED THE WHOLE BLOODY LOT OF THEM, CHIEF! YOUR MATE, ALHAZRED, IS QUITE A DANDY.
MY 'MATE', MR. RHYS, IS THE MOST POWERFUL BEING ON THIS FORSAKEN ISLE. REMEMBER THAT. NOW HURRY.
THAT WAS ONE HECKUVA FALL. ALHAZRED FLIPPED ME OVER THIS BALCONY WITHOUT EVEN STRAININ'...
...AND I KNOW HE WAS STILL HOLDIN' BACK.
I'VE SEEN 'IM TEAR NORMAL MEN APART BY THE LIMBS WITHOUT BREAKING A SWEAT.
AND THESE DAYS, I AIN'T ANY DIFFERENT THAN A NORMAL MAN.
HE'S LONG GONE BY NOW; HIS PALS, TOO.
AND WITH THEM-- TYGER AND ARCHIE.
WHAT IN BLAZES COULD HE WANT WITH THEM? AND WHERE HAVE THEY GONE?
NOTHIN', NO LEADS HERE. AND THERE'S NO WAY I CAN TRACK 'EM WITH MY SENSES.
I NEED INFO ON ALHAZRED. AND I KNOW JUST WHERE TO GET IT.
DOWN ON THE WATERFRONT. THE DOCKS, MADRIPOOR'S OWN COZY "LIVING HELL."
I'LL FIND 'IM AN' WHEN I DO...
I'LL MAKE HIM REGRET THE DAY HE CROSSED MY PATH!
NEXT ISSUE!
LOGAN'S RUN!


IN LESS TIME THAN IT TAKES TO TELL IT, THE WEST COAST AVENGERS WAS DISBANDED, PROMPTED BY THE APPEARANCE...*
...OF THE GOLDEN AVENGER KNOWN AS IRON MAN.
THIS WAS NOT RECEIVED AS GOOD NEWS BY EVERYONE.
DOESN'T SEEM TO MATTER WHERE I GO OR WHAT I DO...
...TONY STARK ALWAYS FINDS A WAY TO RUIN IT!
BEING AN AVENGER WASN'T A DREAM JOB--BUT LEAST IT WAS SOMETHING
I'LL SELL THIS SUIT FOR SCRAP BEFORE I EVER WORK WITH STARK AGAIN.
*AVENGERS WEST COAST #102 --Richard
THE DYING GAME PART ONE
TAKING IT TO THE STREET

MAYBE THE ARMOR'LL MAKE A NICE DECORATIVE PLANTER...
... OR I COULD USE THE STEALTH MODE TO SNEAK PAST THE DOORMAN EVERY DAY.
HOLLYWOOD
THAT'D KEEP ME BUSY FOR A WEEK OR TWO.
SO NOW WHAT?
WATCH FOOTBALL THE REST OF MY LIFE?
RENT MYSELF OUT AT BIRTHDAY PARTIES?
HAS TO BE SOME WAY TO MAKE MYSELF USEFUL.
BEEP
MR. RHODES, THIS IS STEVE DAVIS OF PACIFIC CHEMICAL. I'D LIKE TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT COMING TO WORK FOR US. CALL ME AT--
BEEP
RHODES? IT'S NICK FURY. REMEMBER THAT JOB OFFER I MADE A WHILE AGO? GIMME A CALL.
THIS IS VERONICA FRANCIS OF SCHIEDLER, SEGAL AND MURRAY. WE HAVE AN OFFER I'D LIKE TO--
BEEP
MY NAME IS SILVER SABLE, MR. RHODES. I HAVE AN INTERESTING PROPOSAL FOR YOU. Y--
SMAK

CORPORATE DESK JOBS... STRONG-ARM WORK...
I CAN HAVE MY PICK OF ANYTHING I WANT, AND NONE OF IT'S WORTH DOING.
CAN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME I DID A JOB THAT MEANT SOMETHING.
"LIKE THAT GANG, THE WAR MACHINES..."
"...BEING SUPPLIED WITH FLASH GORDON WEAPONS TO WAGE THEIR TURF WARS-- UNDER MY NAME."*
* AWC #100 --Richard
"ONE OF THEM--KID NAMED HECTOR--TOLD ME--"
"--THE SONS OF THE SERPENT WERE SUPPLYING THE GUNS TO HELP LA'S 'UNDESIRABLES' WIPE EACH OTHER OUT."
"I CONFRONTED THEIR BOSS, THE HATE MONGER..."
"...AND HE LAUGHED IN MY FACE."
NOW THERE'S A PIECE OF BUSINESS THAT COULD STAND FINISHING.
OUGHT TO LOOK IN ON HECTOR, TOO, WHILE I'M AT IT.
CAN'T SEE PUTTING ALL THAT MESS ON AGAIN.

"I GUESS WAR MACHINE'S PAL RHODES WILL GO IN HIS PLACE."
CHECKED OUT?
DID HE LEAVE A FORWARDING ADDRESS?
THEY NEVER DO.
YOU KNEW HECTOR, DOCTOR...?
ANITA DIAZ.
THERE'S NO POINT IN LOOKING FOR HIM.
WHY?
BECAUSE HE CHECKED OUT OF HERE WEDNESDAY...
...AND CHECKED RIGHT BACK IN TWENTY MINUTES AGO.
DEAD ON ARRIVAL.
GOTTA BE A GANG HIT, WITH THAT BURN WOUND.
PLAIN BULLETS AREN'T ENOUGH ANYMORE.
YOU THINK THEY KILLED HIM BECAUSE--
PROBABLY OPENED HIS MOUTH TO SOMEBODY HE SHOULDN'T HAVE...
...AND THEY SHUT IT.


THE KID TRUSTED ME.
NOW HE'S DEAD 'CAUSE OF IT.
SO WHAT YOU GONNA DO?
BUSTING HEADS DID $!?@ TO STOP THIS CRAZINESS.
MAYBE IT'S TIME TO MAKE A FEW CALLS... FIND OUT WHERE ALL THAT HIGH-TECH ORDNANCE IS COMING FROM TO BEGIN WITH...
ABE ZIMMER...
SURE, WE'VE GOT THE DATABASE ACCESS YOU NEED FOR THAT.
HOW SOON?
WELL, A SEARCH PROGRAM FOR THIS SORT OF ARMS ACTIVITY SHOULD ONLY TAKE A WEEK TO WRITE, SAY THREE WEEKS TO RUN...
HENRY PYM...
THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS SITUATION ARE FASCINATING.
WE'RE LOOKING AT A TOTAL PARADIGM SHIFT IN THE SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE OF... HM?
NO, I SUPPOSE THAT ISN'T MUCH HELP.
S.H.I.E.L.D.
I'D LOVE TO BE ABLE TO HELP YOU ON THIS, BUT IT'S OUT OF OUR JURISDICTION.
HAVE YOU TRIED THE FBI OR--
HELLO?
SO MUCH FOR GOING BY THE BOOK.
TIME TO TAKE THIS BACK TO THE STREETS.
BACK TO--

-- WHERE MY NAMESAKES HANG.
EITHER THEY KILLED HECTOR OR THEY KNOW WHO DID!
ONE WAY OR THE OTHER, I NEED TO KNOW WHAT THEY KNOW.
BUT FIRST I GOT TO GET THEIR ATTENTION...
MAN, YOU SEE THAT GUY'S HEAD BURN UP?
POP!
I TOL' 'IM NOT TO MESS WITH ME.
THESE FRESH PIPES TAKE CARE O' ANYBODY, CHEWY.
'ZAT SO?
#@%$!
ZZRASHK
SKAAM
KCHOW
KCHOW
SKRASSSHH
TRY ME!

WEAPONS SYSTEMS
NON-LETHAL MODE ACTIVATED
ALL WEAPONS AT LOW POWER
PHASERS ON STUN, CAP'N.
DON'T WANT TO ACE THESE GUYS--
--JUST IMPRESS 'EM.
HEY, WHATCHOO WANNA HASSLE US FOR, MAN?
WE AIN'T DONE NOTHIN'.
NOTHING THAT GIVES YOU THE RIGHT TO PUT MY NAME ON YOUR NAME, HOMEBOY

WEAPON SELECT: NON-LETHAL
REPULSORS
ANAESTHETIC NEEDLES
TASER
SHPHFT SHPHFT SHPHFT
WHICH ONE OF YOU POPPED HECTOR?
MAN, WE AIN'T DO HECTOR, HECTOR OUR BOY.
WHAT'S IT TO YOU ANYWAY? WHAT YOU WANT?
PAYBACK.
NEXT:
TAKING CARE OF BUSINESS

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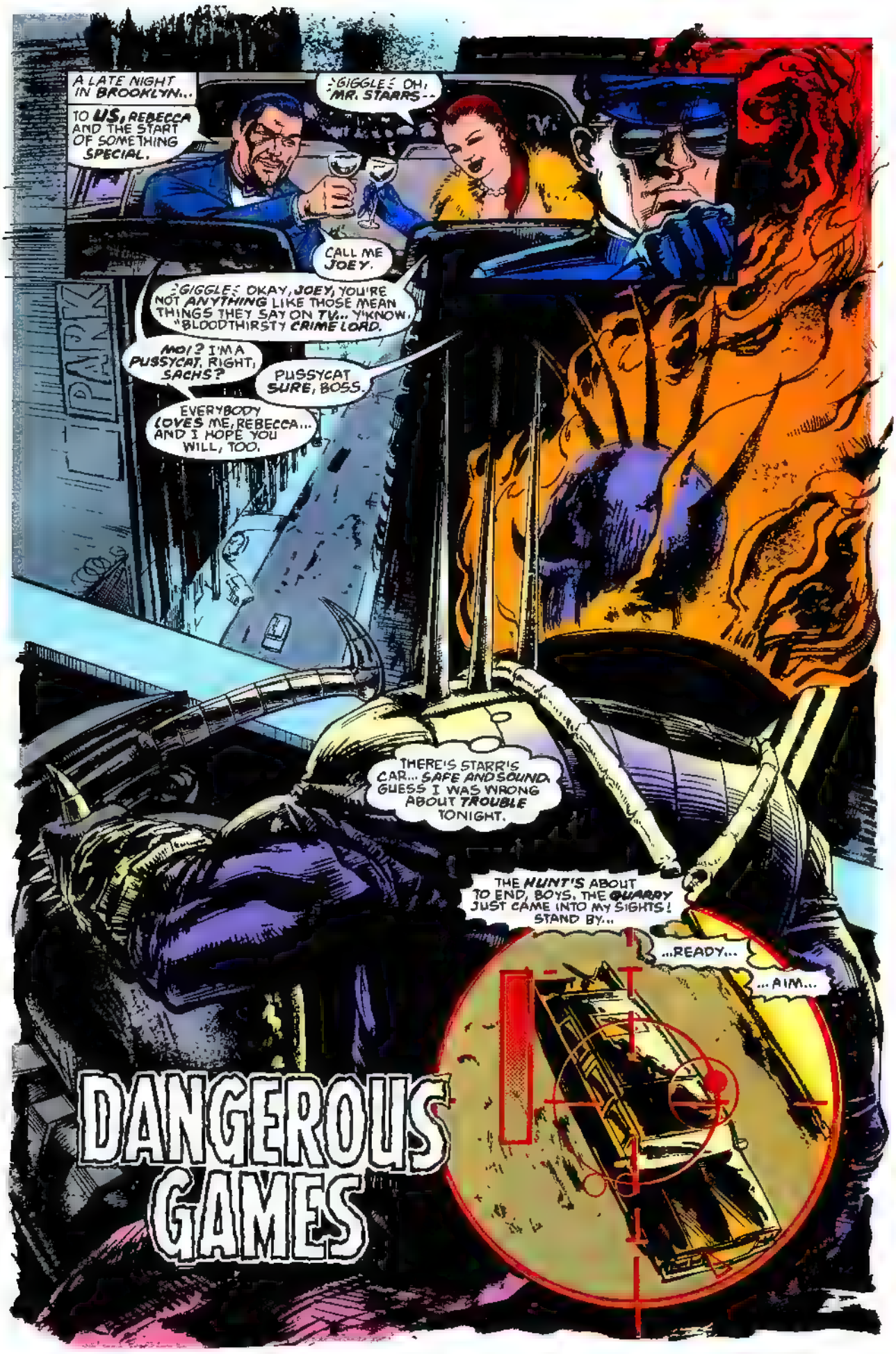

A LATE NIGHT IN BROOKLYN...
TO US, REBECCA AND THE START OF SOMETHING SPECIAL.
:GIGGLE: OH, MR. STARRS--
CALL ME JOEY.
:GIGGLE: OKAY, JOEY, YOU'RE NOT ANYTHING LIKE THOSE MEAN THINGS THEY SAY ON TV... Y'KNOW, "BLOODTHIRSTY CRIME LORD.
MOI? I'M A PUSSYCAT, RIGHT, SACHS?
PUSSYCAT SURE, BOSS.
EVERYBODY LOVES ME, REBECCA... AND I HOPE YOU WILL, TOO.
PARK
THERE'S STARR'S CAR... SAFE AND SOUND. GUESS I WAS WRONG ABOUT TROUBLE TONIGHT.
THE HUNT'S ABOUT TO END, BOYS, THE QUARRY JUST CAME INTO MY SIGHTS! STAND BY...
...READY...
...AIM...
DANGEROUS GAMES

...FIRE!!

SKRA BOOM

...BOSS? BOSS?!

BLAST IT-- STARRS IS DEAD!

WE'VE GOT TO GET CLEAR OF THIS JUNK HEAP! BUT KEEP LOW!

KLIK

I'LL GET 'EM FOR YA, BOSS

SACHS, NO!

BLAM BLAM BLAM

VIP VIP VIP

UHHK

WHO COULD BE BEHIND THIS-- HAMMERHEAD? THE POISON MEMORIES?? OR--

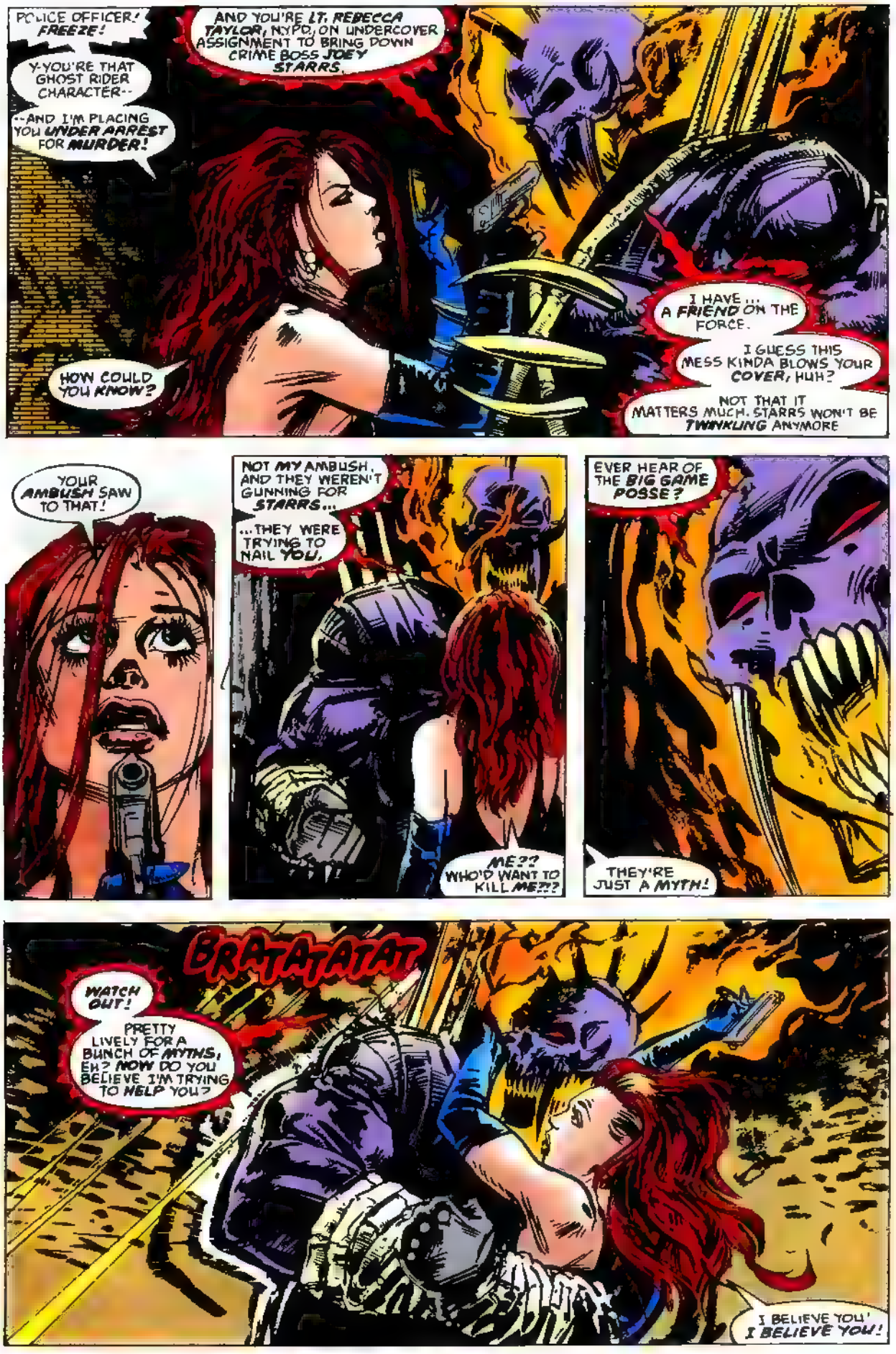
OH

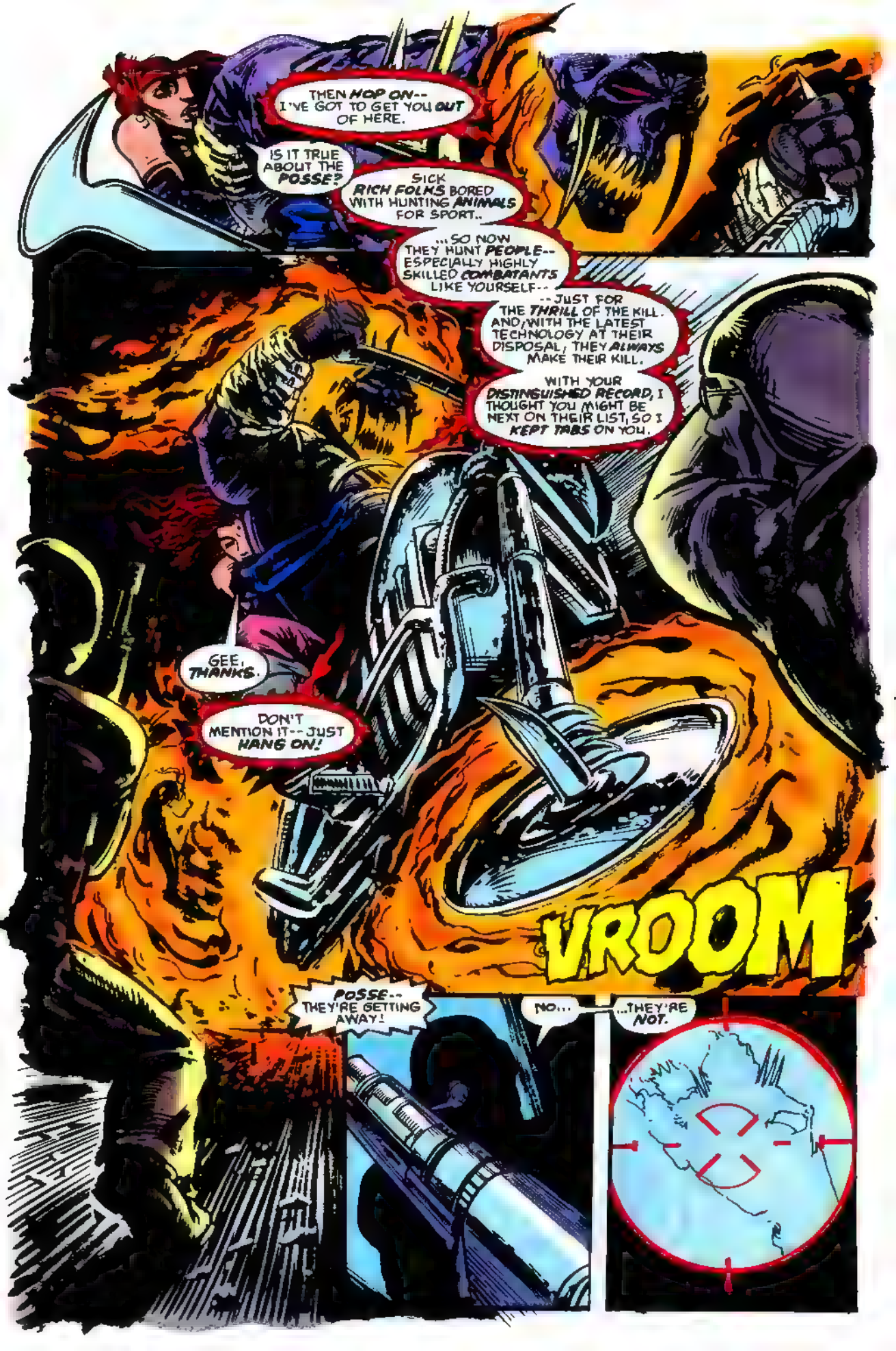
MY

GOD

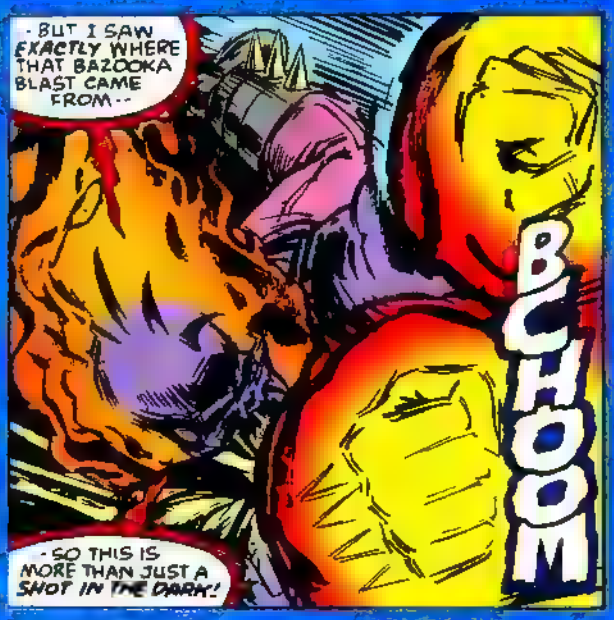
BOOM

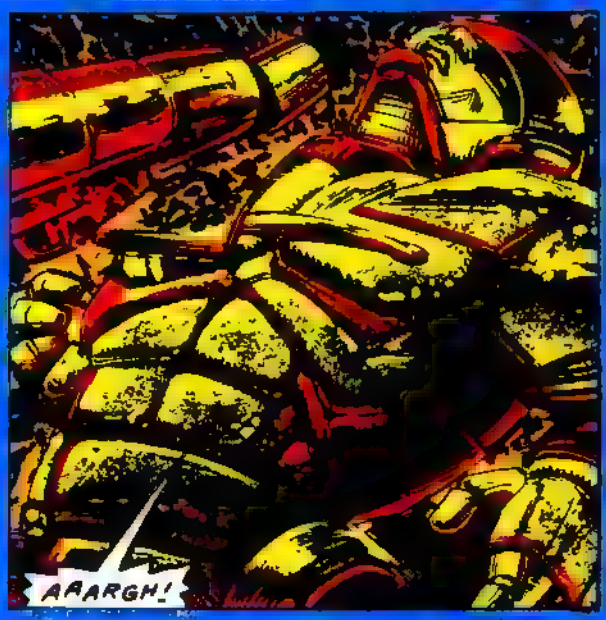
THAT WAS TOO CLOSE!
GOT TO PUT SOME DISTANCE BETWEEN ME AND THE WRECK-- AND I'M NOT GOING TO DO IT IN HEELS!
IF I COULD JUST GET TO A PHONE--
WAITAMINUTE-- WHY DO I GET THE FEELING THAT I'M BEING..
OW!
THUMP
...WATCHED
C'MON, GET UP! THERE ISN'T MUCH TIME!


POLICE OFFICER! FREEZE!
Y-YOU'RE THAT GHOST RIDER CHARACTER--
--AND I'M PLACING YOU UNDER ARREST FOR MURDER!
AND YOU'RE LT. REBECCA TAYLOR, NYPD, ON UNDERCOVER ASSIGNMENT TO BRING DOWN CRIME BOSS JOEY STARRS.
HOW COULD YOU KNOW?
I HAVE... A FRIEND ON THE FORCE.
I GUESS THIS MESS KINDA BLOWS YOUR COVER, HUH?
NOT THAT IT MATTERS MUCH. STARRS WON'T BE TWINKLING ANYMORE
YOUR AMBUSH SAW TO THAT!
NOT MY AMBUSH, AND THEY WEREN'T GUNNING FOR STARRS...
...THEY WERE TRYING TO NAIL YOU.
ME?? WHO'D WANT TO KILL ME???
EVER HEAR OF THE BIG GAME POSSE?
THEY'RE JUST A MYTH!
BRATATATAT
WATCH OUT!
PRETTY LIVELY FOR A BUNCH OF MYTHS, EH? NOW DO YOU BELIEVE I'M TRYING TO HELP YOU?
I BELIEVE YOU! I BELIEVE YOU!


THEN HOP ON-- I'VE GOT TO GET YOU OUT OF HERE.
IS IT TRUE ABOUT THE POSSE?
SICK RICH FOLKS BORED WITH HUNTING ANIMALS FOR SPORT..
...SO NOW THEY HUNT PEOPLE-- ESPECIALLY HIGHLY SKILLED COMBATANTS LIKE YOURSELF--
--JUST FOR THE THRILL OF THE KILL. AND, WITH THE LATEST TECHNOLOGY AT THEIR DISPOSAL, THEY ALWAYS MAKE THEIR KILL.
WITH YOUR DISTINGUISHED RECORD, I THOUGHT YOU MIGHT BE NEXT ON THEIR LIST, SO I KEPT TABS ON YOU.
GEE, THANKS.
DON'T MENTION IT-- JUST HANG ON!
VROOM
POSSE-- THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!
NO...
...THEY'RE NOT.

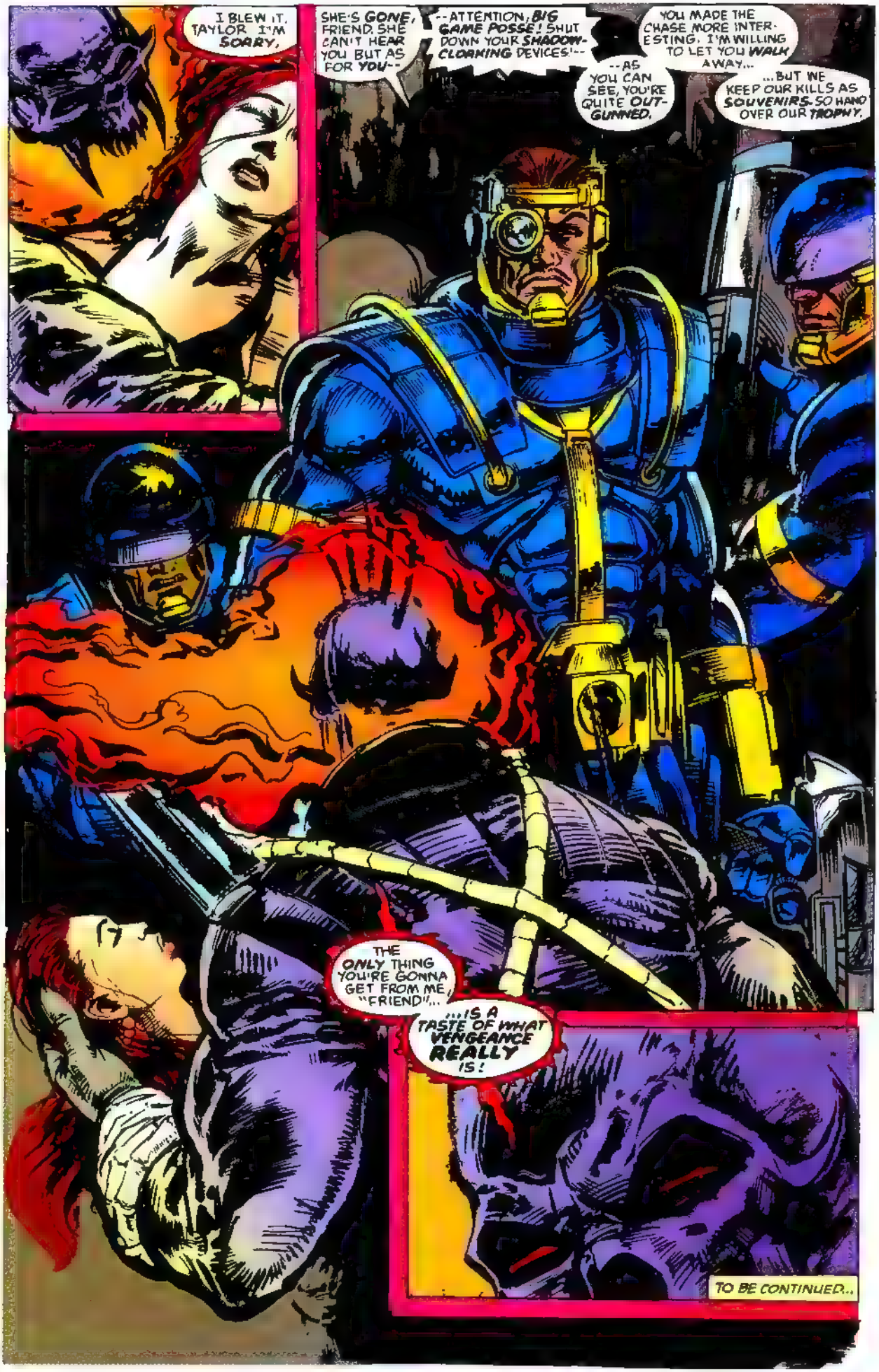
TAYLOR!!
FWOOOOM
BIG MISTAKE, BOZOS! YOUR TECHNOLOGY MAY CLOAK YOU--


-BUT I SAW EXACTLY WHERE THAT BAZOOKA BLAST CAME FROM--
BCHOOM
-SO THIS IS MORE THAN JUST A SHOT IN THE DARK!


AARGH!

I GOT ONE, LIEUTENANT! I--

TAYLOR?


I BLEW IT, TAYLOR. I'M SORRY.
SHE'S GONE, FRIEND. SHE CAN'T HEAR YOU. BUT AS FOR YOU--
--ATTENTION, BIG GAME POSSE! SHUT DOWN YOUR SHADOW-CLOAKING DEVICES!--
--AS YOU CAN SEE, YOU'RE QUITE OUT-GUNNED.
YOU MADE THE CHASE MORE INTERESTING. I'M WILLING TO LET YOU WALK AWAY...
...BUT WE KEEP OUR KILLS AS SOUVENIRS. SO HAND OVER OUR TROPHY.
THE ONLY THING YOU'RE GONNA GET FROM ME, "FRIEND"...
...IS A TASTE OF WHAT VENGEANCE REALLY IS!
TO BE CONTINUED...

HUNG JURY
CRIMINAL COURT, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN
A SLIGHT DISRUPTION IN COURTROOM SEVENTEEN
YOU'RE A DEAD MAN!
PRETORIANS PROTECT THEIR OWN, MAN
ORDER! THIS COURT WILL COME TO ORDER!

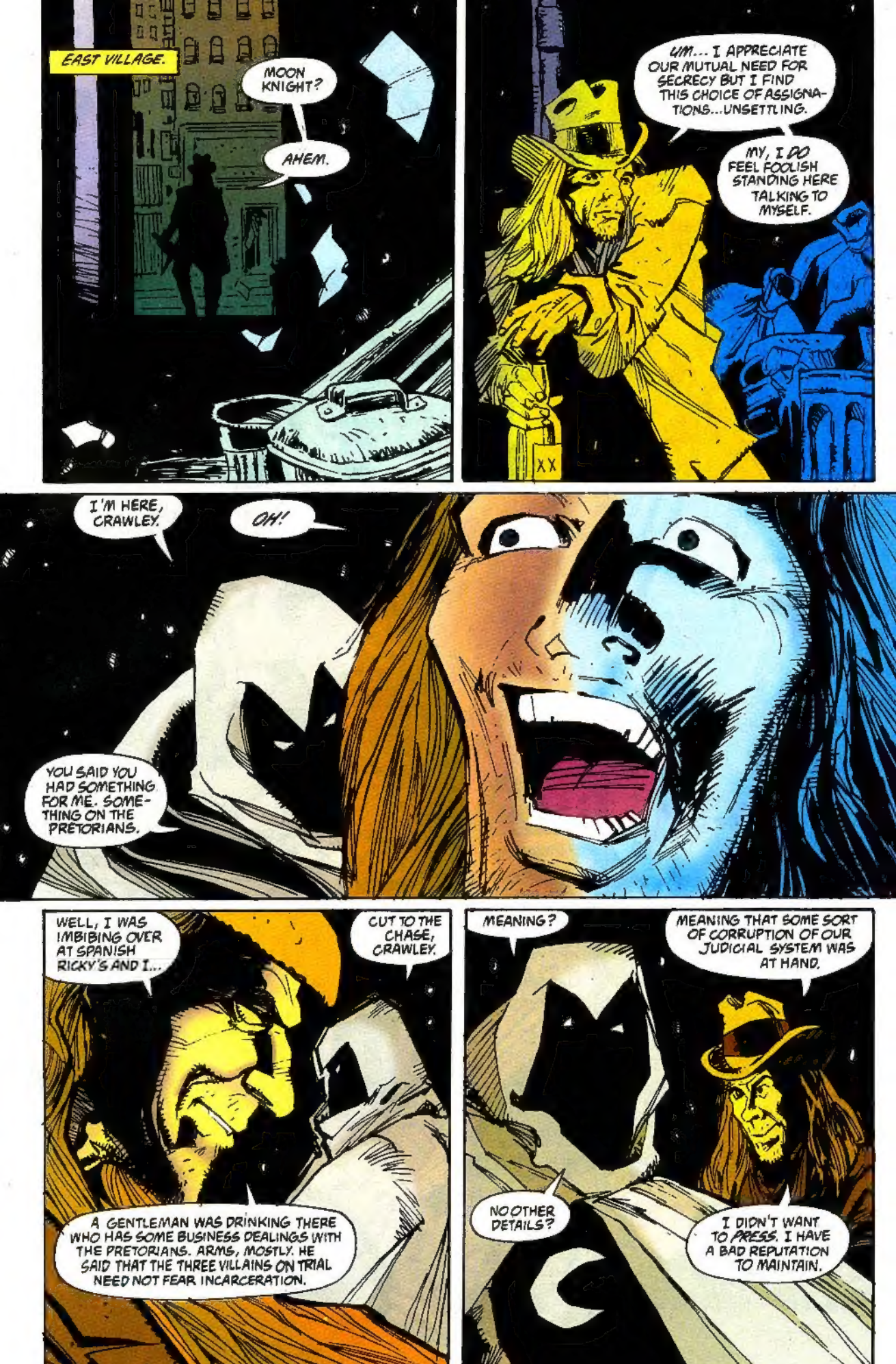
WE WILL BE AVENGED!
COUNSEL FOR THE DEFENSE! YOU KEEP THESE ANIMALS IN LINE OR I'LL EJECT THEM FROM THE COURTROOM!
WE FIGHT FOR PURITY! WE FIGHT FOR AMERICA!
THE PRETORIANS ARE GONNA INHERIT THIS NATION! WE WILL BE HEARD!
YOU WILL NOT BE HEARD! NOT IN MY COURT-ROOM!
WUNCH
I WANT THEM IN MANACLES AND CUFFS! NOW!
WHEN YOU'RE FINISHED WITH THAT WE'LL CONTINUE WITH CLOSING ARGUMENTS.
STAY STRONG, BROTHERS! PRETORIANS NEVER FADE, MAN! NEVER RUN!
MARC? WHY ARE WE HERE?

I JUST THOUGHT WE SHOULD SEE ONE OF OUR LITTLE ADVENTURES THROUGH FOR ONCE, MARLENE. SEE THE WHEELS OF JUSTICE TURN. WE TOOK THESE GUYS DOWN, REMEMBER?*
LIKE I'D FORGET. THE PRESIDENT OF THEIR LITTLE BOYS' CLUB NEARLY SLICED ME TO LUNCH-MEAT. BUT CHAINSAW'S DEAD NOW, RIGHT?
*MOON KNIGHT #23. — RICHARD
I WISH I COULD BE SURE WE SAW HIM TAKE THREE SLUGS IN THE CHEST. BUT THE POLICE NEVER FOUND A BODY.
AT LEAST WE'LL GET SOME SATISFACTION AT SEEING THESE CREEPS PUT AWAY
THIS IS A CONSPIRACY, MAN! A CONSPIRACY AGAINST PURE AMERICANS! IT'S A SETUP, MAN!
THIS IS ALL BOGUS!
SOME OF THEM, ANYWAY!
YOU'RE LOOKING AT THIRTY DAYS IN THE TOMBS FOR CONTEMPT!
I WANT THAT CROWD EJECTED FROM MY COURT! THE JURY WILL DISREGARD ANYTHING THEY SAY!
YOU WILL CONSIDER ONLY STATEMENTS BROUGHT BEFORE THIS BENCH AS PART OF THESE PROCEEDINGS.
ANY MORE OUTBURSTS AND I CLEAR THE COURT!

I'M GLAD THE JUDGE FINALLY RECESSED FOR THE DAY. I'M STARVING.
IT'S ALL OVER NOW BUT THE DEFENSE'S FINAL SUMMATION AND THE JUDGE'S INSTRUCTIONS TO THE JURY.
THE PRETORIANS ARE SURE TO GET THE MAX. ESPECIALLY AFTER THAT EPISODE IN THE COURT-ROOM
I'M NOT SO SURE. WORSE SCUM THAN THAT WALK AWAY WITH LIGHT SENTENCES. AND MOST OF THEM DON'T HAVE THE BEST LAWYERS THE SECRET EMPIRE CAN AFFORD.
HEY!
YOU COULD AT LEAST SAY EXCUSE ME
HUH. YOU GOT GUTS TALKIN' LIKE THAT TO A PRETORIAN, BABE
REALLY? LOOKS LIKE YOU'VE GOT SOME GUTS TO SPARE YOURSELF, TWO-TON
MAYBE YOU'RE THE ONE SHOULD BE SAYIN' EXCUSE ME...
THIS HAS GONE...
LET ME HANDLE THIS, MARC.
WHERE'D YOU LEARN THAT MANUEVER, MAR?
SIX YEARS IN A GIRLS' BOARDING SCHOOL AND YOU LEARN THEM ALL.

GRANT CITY ON STATEN ISLAND.
YOU LOOK TIRED, HOWARD. HARD DAY?
I DON'T KNOW WHY I DIDN'T TRY HARDER TO GET OUT OF JURY DUTY.
BECAUSE YOU KNEW IT WAS IMPORTANT. YOU WANTED TO DO WHAT'S RIGHT.
I GUESS. IT'S JUST NOT EASY DOING THE RIGHT THING.
MOMMY SAID I COULD STAY UP TILL YOU GOT HOME.
WHAT YOU GOT THERE, TOUGH GUY? A STORY-BOOK?
UH HUH.
SORRY, MAMA. DINNER'S GONNA HAVE TO WAIT WHILE THE GUYS CHECK OUT THE ADVENTURES OF... UNCLE PIGGY AND THE MAGIC DUMP TRUCK.
YEAH, ;giggle: SORRY MAMA. ;giggle:.
ROP ROP
WHRAAMM

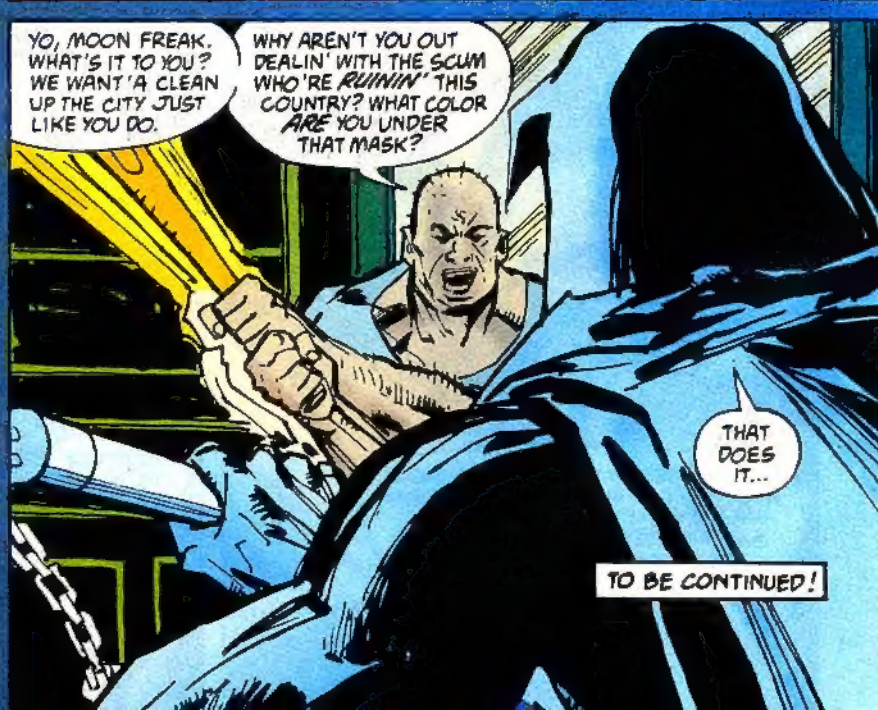
HOWARD! WHAT'S GOING ON?
I DON'T KNOW!
I DON'T KNOW!
URXXX
SHRAK!
LOOKS LIKE WE GOT THE RIGHT HOUSE, BOYS.
RRRRRRR
WHUH-- WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH US?
I JUST WANT SOME COOPERATION. I GOT SOME BUDDIES IN A JAM AND I WANT YOUR HELP.
YOU KEEP MY PALS FROM GETTING A GUILTY VERDICT.
HUH-HOW DO I DO THAT?
HOW THE *&#% DO I KNOW? USE YOUR IMAGINATION.
THIS'LL BE INSPIRATION FOR YOU AND INSURANCE FOR ME.
SCOTT! NO!
FROGY
DO THE RIGHT THING, HOWIE...
...IF YOU WANT TO SEE YOUR KID AGAIN...
...IN ONE PIECE.
SO DON'T CALL THE FEDS! GET IT?
ROP! ROP!


EAST VILLAGE.
MOON KNIGHT?
AHEM.
UM... I APPRECIATE OUR MUTUAL NEED FOR SECRECY BUT I FIND THIS CHOICE OF ASSIGNATIONS...UNSETTLING.
MY, I DO FEEL FOOLISH STANDING HERE TALKING TO MYSELF.
I'M HERE, CRAWLEY.
OH!
YOU SAID YOU HAD SOMETHING FOR ME. SOMETHING ON THE PRETORIANS.
WELL, I WAS IMBIBING OVER AT SPANISH RICKY'S AND I...
CUT TO THE CHASE, CRAWLEY.
A GENTLEMAN WAS DRINKING THERE WHO HAS SOME BUSINESS DEALINGS WITH THE PRETORIANS. ARMS, MOSTLY. HE SAID THAT THE THREE VILLAINS ON TRIAL NEED NOT FEAR INCARCERATION.
MEANING?
MEANING THAT SOME SORT OF CORRUPTION OF OUR JUDICIAL SYSTEM WAS AT HAND.
NO OTHER DETAILS?
I DIDN'T WANT TO *PRESS*. I HAVE A BAD REPUTATION TO MAINTAIN.

THANKS FOR THE WORD, CRAWLEY.
YOU'LL DO NOTHING TO COMPROMISE ME?
I'M JUST GOING TO HAVE TO TALK WITH SOME PRETORIANS.

"JUST CATCH UP WITH CURRENT EVENTS."
UFFF!

THERE'S A FIX IN ON YOUR COCKROACH BUDDIES' TRIAL. SOMEBODY BETTER KEEP ME INTERESTED OR I'LL BUST THIS PLACE OUT.
DUNNIT KNOW NUFFIN'.., UK!
NOT GOOD ENOUGH.


YO, MOON FREAK. WHAT'S IT TO YOU? WE WANT 'A CLEAN UP THE CITY JUST LIKE YOU DO.
WHY AREN'T YOU OUT DEALIN' WITH THE SCUM WHO'RE RUININ' THIS COUNTRY? WHAT COLOR ARE YOU UNDER THAT MASK?
THAT DOES IT...
TO BE CONTINUED!